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WOMEN'S HEALTH IS FOCUS OF HOUSE SUMMIT ***SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24, 2004***

TALLAHASSEE -- The House of Representatives will host the 2004 Women's Health Awareness Day in the **House Chamber on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, from 1:00 P.M. EST to 5:00 P.M. EST.**

"The 2004 Florida Women's Health Awareness Day is an integral step toward bringing statewide awareness to the unique issues affecting women's health," said Speaker Johnnie Byrd (R-Plant City). "It is important the legislature understand women's health needs and how they should be addressed."

The summit will gather leading experts in women's health care from across Florida and the U.S., including representatives from the Kaiser Family Institute and the U.S. Department of Health, to discuss a variety of topics to include:

- Women are more likely to be underinsured or to have no insurance than men;
- Women have more unique medical conditions;
- Women live longer than men resulting in more chronic conditions through their lifetime;
- Women's interactions with the health care system may be characterized by a fragmentation of services, poor communication with clinicians, and gender bias in receipt of treatment and services;
- Clinical trials of new pharmaceuticals historically exclude women.

Possible solutions to these issues will be addressed by speakers who have knowledge and experience in the field of women's health care.

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